

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 16, line 21 through page 17, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

In such a network environment, the process shown in FIG. 3 may be performed as part of typical component repository operations, such as adding or removing a new component, meta-data supplement, or trusted signer. FIG. 5, is a flow chart for adding a new component to a component repository in accordance with the principles of the present invention. Note, that only those process step steps relevant to the processing of component meta-data are shown or discussed, other unrelated steps may also be performed when a component is added to a repository.

Please replace the paragraph at page 19 lines 3 through 8, with the following amended paragraph:

At step 66, the supplement is authorized against the component and applied to the cached meta-data meta-data as described above with regard to steps 37 and 38 of FIG. 3. In updating overridable meta-data elements, the value of existing meta-data element having timestamps later than the timestamp of the meta-data supplement are not updated. And, if an overridable element is updated, the timestamp of the overridable element value is set to the timestamp of the meta-data supplement.